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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, the period of response for which runs through August 9, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6-11, 13-16, 20, 22, 26, 28, and 29, and cancel claim 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

capturing forecast data from a set of contributors according to a multi-level organizational model;

capturing target data from a set of analysts;

reconciling the target data and the forecast data in accordance with TECEIVED zational model; and

generating a hudget report beauty.

organizational model; and

generating a budget report based on the reconciled forecast data.